

Please find below, Utah State Parks and Recreation news for August 24:

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LOW WATER LEVELS AT YUBA STATE PARK

Levan – Due to low water levels, boat launching at the Painted Rocks boat ramp is not recommended and must be done so at your own risk. The main boat ramp, located off I-15, is open for use and is in excellent condition.

For more information, visit stateparks.utah.gov or call 435-758-2611.

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GOLF SPECIALS AT WASATCH MOUNTAIN STATE PARK

Midway -- Soldier Hollow Golf Course at Wasatch Mountain State Park offers a bounce-back fall special now until the end of the golf season. Play 18-holes with a cart for the regular price of \$38 during August and receive a coupon good for 18 holes for \$27 for play after September 6 and until the end of the 2010 season.

Enjoy twilight rates of \$27 for 18 holes after 2 p.m. at Soldier Hollow and \$33 after 3 p.m. on the Mountain Course at Wasatch Mountain.

For tee times or more information call Wasatch Mountain Pro Shop at 435-654-0532, Soldier Hollow Pro Shop at 435-654-7442 or online at www.stateparks.utah.gov/golf.

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FLYING HIGH AT THE ANTELOPE ISLAND STAMPEDE

Syracuse – Visit Antelope Island State Park for the Antelope Island Stampede Friday, September 3 through Sunday, September 5. This largest island in Great Salt Lake will be a spectacular setting for this unique event.

Activities begin Friday evening at 5 p.m. Enjoy good food and stroll through vendor booths, then watch as balloonists and kites fly above Antelope Island and Great Salt Lake. Family entertainment continues through 10 p.m. with a balloon glow at dusk.

Events begin Saturday morning with a balloon launch at 7:30 a.m. Enjoy the island throughout the day watching kite demonstrations, visiting vendor booths, live music, dancers, kids activities, and the Historic Fielding Garr Ranch. A balloon glow will be held at dusk followed by a fireworks show at 9:30 p.m. Activities continue until 10 p.m.

All balloon and kite events depend on weather conditions. The cost is \$10 per vehicle. For more information, call 801-774-8200 or visit antelopeislandstampede.com.

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UTAH STATE PARKS BOATING TIP OF THE WEEK

Salt Lake City – When operating your boat between sunset and sunrise, you must display the boat's navigation lights. Boaters use lights to be seen by other boaters, as well as to comply with navigation rules. Check light bulbs to ensure they work. As visibility reduces in darkness, boats should be operated at safe speeds to avoid collisions with another boats, hazards or fixed objects.

Red navigation lights indicate the left side of a boat, while green identifies the right. These two lights must be displayed whenever the boat is moving or adrift on the water. The white, 360-degree light must be visible from all directions around the boat and must be displayed whenever the boat is anchored, moving or adrift on the water, except when tied to a dock or moored in a designated mooring area. Small, non-motorized boats, like canoes or rowboats, may carry a white light, such as a flashlight or lantern, to be displayed in time to prevent a collision with another vessel.

The use of bright spotlights on a boat at night is permitted, when used intermittently, to locate hazards or approaching a dock. Spotlights are not to be used in a constant manner, such as headlights on a motor vehicle. Bright lights can create hazardous conditions for other boaters.

For additional safe boating tips go to stateparks.utah.gov/boating or call 801-538-BOAT. Wear it Utah!

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YOUTH OFF-HIGHWAY VEHICLE TRAINING COURSES OFFERED

Salt Lake City – The Utah State Parks and Recreation Off-Highway Vehicle (OHV) program offers two hands-on OHV education courses for youth ages eight to 15 Saturday, September 11 and Saturday, October 9 at the Jordan River OHV State Recreation Area.

Students interested in registering for these hands-on courses must first complete and pass the online certification class. The hands-on OHV classes are free, but pre-registration is required by calling 1-800-OHV-RIDE.

The three-hour, hands-on courses offer training and instruction for correct turning postures, braking procedures, handling quick stops and swerves, riding over obstacles and traversing hills.

A parent or legal guardian must attend the class with the student. All students must provide their own appropriately-sized OHV, helmet, goggles, and wear long pants, a long-sleeved shirt, gloves and over-the-ankle boots.

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UPCOMING UTAH STATE PARKS EVENTS

September 18 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Celebrate International Observe the Moon Night! Meet the Earth's nearest neighbor through stories, activities, and observation. Meet at the visitor center at 7:30 p.m.
435-826-4466

September 18 Edge of the Cedars State Park Museum - Blanding
Your Museum Day! Enjoy free admission, backroom tours, movies and activities from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m. 435-678-2238

September 22 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Birding Basics: Learn how to identify birds using binoculars, a spotting scope and field guides. Equipment is provided. Meet at the visitor center at 9 a.m. 435-826-4466

September 23 Dead Horse Point State Park - Moab
Full Moon Hike: Join us for a mile-long full moon hike. Meet at the Neck parking area at 7:30 p.m. for this hour-long program. 435-259-2614

September 24 Wasatch Mountain State Park - Midway
Full Moon Hike - Night Noise: Join the park naturalist at 7 p.m. for a three-mile hike along the Visitor Center Trail. Meet at the visitor center and dress for the weather; bring water, and sturdy shoes. 435-654-1791.

September 24 Escalante Petrified Forest State Park - Escalante
Geology Hike - Nature's Artwork: Join the park naturalist on a guided hike through the amazing Petrified Forest. Learn how an ancient forest became fossilized and discover nature's artistry. Meet at the visitor center at 10 a.m. 435-826-4466

September 25 Rock Cliff Nature Center/Jordanelle State Park - Francis
Watershed Festival at Rock Cliff: Join us for the Third Annual Provo River Watershed Festival from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Learn about the watershed you live in through educational booths, live birds, duck derby, crafts, kayaking, fishing and

more. Event is free and open to the public. Rock Cliff is located on the east side of Jordanelle Reservoir. www.provoriverwatershed.org or 435-782-3030

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